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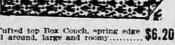














All Carpet prices cut 20 per cent, and all Carpets made and laid free of charge for this week.



To accommodate Christmas shoppers we will be open until 9 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

\$14.20



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bounded by Eighteenth and Nine teenth streets and L and M streets, Northwest. Only two blocks away is the British Embassy, in Connecticut avenue, and
equally near is the Church of the Covenant. In this place were found ramshackle frame buildings, not fit for the
imbitation of horses.

Via Missouri Pacific Railway
Leave St. Louis every Thursday at 9 a.
m., and run through to San Francisco and
ticket office, southeast corner Sixth and
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WASHINGTON SLUMS

WORSE THAN NEW YORK'S.

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Squalid Homes of the Poor Within
Few Blocks of Spiendd Legations
and Magnificent Churches.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington. Dec. B.—Jacob Rils of New
York and Richmond Hill lectured at the
First Congregational Church on "Washington Needs and Conditions."

In order to get material for his address,
Mr. Rils, accompanied by Commissioner
MacFarland and Charles F. Weller, secretary of the Associated Charities, drove through the Washington slums, and Mr.
Rils first visted the White House, which he found in prime condition. The next stop was at the sequestered row of houses bounded by Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets and L and M streets, NorthTOURIST SLEEPING CARS

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At 9 A. M. for One-Half Hour. Ladies' Waists, in fine vesting and nun's veiling material, in white and colors, should bring \$2.00 and \$3.00, but will sell for one-half hour Monday at 9 a. m.—choice for.....

Ladies' \$2 and \$3 Waists

\$8.00 Silk Umbrellas

In Which to Dispose of an Immense Stock of Holiday Goods!

Y FOUR DAYS REMAI

50 Ladies' and Gents' 26 and 28 inch Taffeta Slik Umbrellas, very handsome horn, pearl and sliver-mounted handles; all fine sample handles; worth \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00—choice for one-half hour.....

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Silk Vmbrellas

\$1.50

For Holiday Gifts for Men, Women and Children. 100 Gents' 28-inch, Ladies' 26-inch and Children's 20, 22 and 24 inch Fine Taffeta Silk

in black, blue, red and green, handsome handles, worth regular from \$2.00 to \$2.50—choice for.

200 Ladies' 25-inch and Gents' 28-inch Taf-feta Slik Umbrellas, elegant cliver and \$3.50

Art Needlework for Holiday Gifts.

Dainty and Useful Gifts can be found at this Department



For the convenience of customers we will remain open every evening

Until 10 O'Clock Up to Christmas

\$1.00 All-Silk Crepe de Chine

At 10 A. M. for One-Half Hour. \$1.00 All-Silk Crepe de Chine for evening wear, beautiful lustrous silk crepe fabric—elegant assortment of rich shades, rose, pink, biscult, turquoise and ciel blue, reseda, green, ivory, illac and hellotrope—also black and white—worth \$1.00 per yard.

Jackets, Suits, Skirts, Waists.

Read what we give you. Get your present from us. Why? Because we have reduced Jackets, Suits, Skirts and Waists. Ask the saleslady to show you the red-ink mark and see the reductions you are getting. Remember, you at all times save money by buying from us, and with these reductions we save you \$3.00 to \$20.00 on garmentsand they are all new and fresh-not shopworn goods some are trying to sell.

Cloth Coats and Jacketsall reduced - prices.
You save \$3.00 to \$15.00 by buying from us. Fur Coats and Capes-reduced-

\$10 to \$50 prices. Save \$6.00 to \$25.00 by buying from us. Tailor-Made Suits-reduced. Save 34.00 to \$10.00 by buying from us Tailor-Made Skirts-reduced-

prices Save \$2.00 to \$5.00 by buying from us

\$2.00 Ladies' Fine Shirt Waists, in vestings, nun's veiling and albatross-latest styles. Other stores ask you \$2.00 for soiled ones. Our price for clean and fresh ones

Infants' Sacques, Infants' Coats, Children's Dresses—up to 14 years—latest style—worth \$5.00—till Christmas.....

Dolls! Dolls! Dolls! SPECIAL SALE—We have just bought from Rice-Stix D. G. Co. their entire stock of large, fine jointed doils at a big reduction. Entire lot on sale Monday KID DOLLS.



For Boys.

Bice-Stix's finest French bisque composition joint-ed Dolls; ball jointed throughout, finest bisque head, sleeping eyes, fine wig of natural hair (6-row sewed), shoes and stockings; 29.00 value; while they as 5,000

Toys! Toys! Every dollar's worth must go before Xmas. Cost or value not considered.

Drums, all kinds.....25e to \$1.98 Mechanical Seesaw....49e Iron Trains......\$1.00 Roll Top Desks......\$1.25 Air Rifles (best).......75c Steam Engines 49c and \$1.00 Electric Trolley Cars......\$3.50 Metal Gunboats..... Punching Bags\$1.25

For Both.

Typewriters, complete\$1.00 Rubber Doll Heads. World's Fair Game ... Christmas Candles, 36 in box . 75c CONNETTI GAME, FLINCH, PARCHESI, FISH PONDS, STEEPLECHASE, CHECKERS, AUTHORS, OLD MAID. PANIC, INDIA, LOTTO, COMBINATION GAME BOARDS, CROKINOLE, TRIX, STORY BOOKS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, ROLLER SKATES, ETC., ETC.

For Girls.

Trimmed Wire Beds..... Doll Furniture......\$1.00 Gc-Carts, wire or willow \$1.25 Trunks, big line.....25e to \$3.45 Mechanical Miller, etc......25e Skin Cows, Horses, etc.......49e Laundry Sets (new) 25e
Laundry Sets (new) 98e
Planos, enameled, 12 keys. 75e
Alcohol Ranges. \$1.00
Cloth Doll Patterns, 10e and 25e
Doil Telescopes. 25e
Etc., Etc.

China Lamps and Vases



Tollet Sets, with jar. full gold traced, latest design, worth \$7.50

\$1.00 German China Salad Bowls, decorat-ed, gold stip-pled—sale price **50c**

\$3 to \$35

See China Cup and Saucers, decorated and gold lined—15c

Ribbons for Holidays.

1,000 pcs. 2 and 3 All-Siik Satin Ribbon, 250 worth 50c a piece for 10 yds., at.. 250

Taffeta Ribbon-3 inches wide, all Taffeta Ribbon-5 inches wide, all on-50 yards to spool,

at330 Fancy Ribbon-A big assortment, 25c and 50c values, at 25c and



Boys' Clothing For Holiday Gifts.

\$6 and \$7 pure wool Knee Pants Suits, serge and fancy mixed cheviots, double-breasted and Norfolk styles, ages 3 to 16 years; LONG OVERCOATS, ages 8 to 16; and newest MILITARY COATS FOR LITTLE FELLOWS, ages 24 to 8 years:

Petticoats, Robes and Sacques.

\$1.00 for \$1.50 Ladies' Petticoats-Black mercerized sateen, double - pleated flounce-for....

\$2.25 for \$3.00 Ladies' Petticoats-Fine French sateen, including extra sizes; made in 15 styles.....

\$1.25 for \$1.98 Ladies' Long Kimonos-Made of crepe cloth; pink, blue and red; nice gift.....

\$2.98 for \$4.00 Long Kimonos, Dresden pattern, 3-inch satin fold down front

and on sleeves; useful gift \$1.00 for \$1.50 Ladies' Eiderdown

STAGE FOLK SAY RANKIN HAS THE HYPNOTIC EYE.

Theatrical Persons Who Claim to Have Known Nance O'Neill for Years Believe That Her New Manager Places Her Under a Spell Which Lasts as Long as She Is on the Stage-Discussion as to the Nature of His Influence.





McKEE RANKIN, The actor-manager.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL San Francisco, Dec. 19.-Nance O'Neil was never an actress until McKee Rankin took hold of her.

things. Now the question arises, is Nance O'Nell hypnotized by Rankin? Is she under a spell as W. B. Cleveland, the Chicago the

atrical manager, says, or is her success merely due to the skillful training of an old stage manager? Rankin undoubtedly has the hypnotic eye. He is a man of the strongest magnetism. The change he has worked in Nance O'Neil is little short of a miracle. Namee U Neil is little short of a mitacle.

They were first thrown together in New York at a time when the future looked very dark for Miss O'Neil.

After a series of unfortunate attempts to win a position on the stage, the young Californian was stricken with a maindy that nearly cost her her life. While lying on a cot in a New York hospital McKee Rankin was the sole friend that came to her rescue.

NANCE O'NEILL,

The California tragedienne, who is said
to be able to act most artistically when
under the hypnotic influence of McKee
Rankin.

He provided better attention and better care, which soon restored her to good health, it was while she was conva-lescing that the attachment which never has been shaken was formed. Men who knew her on the stage said it was not in her to make an actress. She was wooden, unresponsive, stow. Since Rankin took her up she has done great differ.

Whether this attachment has its foundation in hypnotic suggestion or is the outgrowth of the young actress gratitude is a question upon which the friends of both differ.

Miss OlNell denies indignantly that hypnotism has anything to do with it. Ramkin scoffs at the idea and pretends to have no knowledge of the occult sciences. Pitted against these denials is the testimony of many to the effect that there is some strange force that Rankin exerts at citical times that has made for Miss O'Nell the reputation she now enjoys. The fact is pointed out that other managers have tried frequently to irduce Miss O'Nell to discard Rankin for another letter in touch with modern the attricals. All such overtures have been swent askie with the announcement that she does not desire to change her manager.

to change her manager.

"Mr. Rankin has made me what I am and as long as I am of any commercial value to him he shall have me." is the reply she is reported to have made in this city less than a year 220.

This statement in itself might be looked upon as a confession of the irresistible influence which Rankin is supposed to exert

Dressing Sacques and Crepe

were it not for the positive denials both have given to the public. Manager S. L. Ackerman of the Grand Opera-house, who have given to the public. Manager S. L. Ackerman of the Grand Opera-house, who have given to the hypotic theory is ridiculous. "Miss O'Neil and Rankin intimately, declares that the hypototic theory is ridiculous. "Miss O'Neil is a free lance." he said. "She does about as she pleases." Herschel Mayail, leading man at the Central Theater, who played with Miss O'Neil at the Grand Opera-house a year ago, has quite a different story to tell. He believes that Miss O'Neil is under the hypotic speil and he gives instances in his personal experience that go toward confirming his belief.

"I know that Rankin exerts a strong influence over Miss O'Neil," he said, "because I have seen him do it. She was entirely devoid of initiative and had to depend upon him for it. I am somewhat of a student of physiognomy and phrenology, and I have studied Miss O'Neil's face. There is nothing in it nor in the shape of her head to justify the belief that she has the intellectual development to master the roles she undertakes.

"Her dependence upon Rankin was particularly noticeable during the rehearsils." I remember one instance in particular, when we were rehearsing for 'Judith,' Miss O'Neil had never played it before and we were obliged to spend much time on it. In the first act Miss O'Neil, as Judith, rushes from the mountains to the city's gates with the news that she has discovered a spring of water I don't recall the lines exactly, but the famishing crowd standing about demand: 'Where' We had progressed this far when Miss O'Neil interrupted.

"Oh, Tonyt's hee exclaimed, calling Rankin's over unheaded, I did not think this strange because Rankin has o'Neil interrupted."

"It seemed so strange that the sugges—with the oreon of twice, so afterwards I passed her complaints over unheaded. I did not that have been such as the summer of the stage was anything to be done he told me about it without consulting her. Frequen

formance, nor any other indication that he was prompting her.

"At rehearsals he would insist upon her repeating and repeating her lines until they were read to suit him. Frequently; she would have to go over them half a dozen times. I did notice, however, that he never allowed her out of his sight except while the play was in progress. At its conclusion he would escort her home. Miss O'Neil was certainly attached to him, but I think that it was prompted more by gratitude than by an occult force."

Grand Opera-house during Miss O'Nell's lengagement, will not admit that he witnessed manifestations of Rankin's power while the company was there. He is not surprised, however, at the news that comes from Chicago.

"There has been much abuse heaped upon Rankin," he declared, "that is undescreed. In my experience I have never met a more agreeable or genlal companion. I must admit, however, that he has an eye that might be that of a hypnotiat. I venture to say there is not a man living that can resist its power, no matter what the distance may be. He has a peculiar searching look that will arrest the attentiant of any one. Besides this he has a great deal of personal magnetism which is equally hard to resist.

"While he and Miss O'Nell were with me I saw nothing that led me to bellevate that she was under a spell. To be sure. Rankin gave all the directions. If there was anything to be done he told me about it without consulting her. Frequently she would complain to me about something, but under Rankin's orders I did not consider her suggestions.

"Pay no attention to her,' he said to me once or twice, so afterwards I passed but under Rankin's orders I did not think this strange because Rankin has such a thorough knowledge of the stages to considered law by any one. The companies Inecorporated.

Three Companies Inecorporated.

The following companies filed articles of incorporation with the Recorder of Deeds yesterday: Charles Specht Moonday Cigar Company; capital \$2,000, all paid. Stockholders—The Clifton Heights Grocery Company; capital \$2,000, all paid. Stockholders—W. W. Corey. L. J. Brooks and Edward D'Arcy.

Ask for Attachment.

John P. Leahy, administrator of the estate of Catherine Downes, applied yesterday of Catherine Downes, applied yesterday. The Company capital \$2,000, all paid. Stockholders—W. W. Corey. L. J. Brooks and Edward D'Arcy.

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R. E. Drake, F. M. Specht, S. W. Serl
and G. T. Shaw. The Corey Estate Company; capital 22,000, all paid. Stockholders
—W. W. Corey, L. J. Brooks and Edward
D'Arcy.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN



cell interrupted.

'Oh, Tony!' she exclaimed, calling Ranby a pet name, 'where shall I point?' It seemed so strange that the suggested did not come to her at once. It was so, however. She had to appeal to akin. He always stood close by, where

regret to say so, tis nevertheless a fact that there are a great many in the practice of medicine who are wholly unreliable, both morally and financially, and do not hesitate to make any representation that will secure a fee.

There are thusands of confiding people who have had their confidence abused by the above class of doctors until they have about lost faith in the entire medical profession. And, not wishing to have you measure our success by the failure of others, it may not be out of place to call your attention. Any successful physician should have no trouble in turnishing substantial references, and when banks, business houses and commercial agencies indorse him, there is no question about his financial responsibility. We believe, however, that the best evidence a physician can offer as to his skill and success is the indorsement of those whom he has treated. And any doctor laying claims to superfor qualification to furnish such references in reasonable number should be avoided for the good reason that if he has failed in the treatment of others, how can you consistently expect him to give satefaction.

Think this matter over carefully. Then if you suffer from CATARIFE ARYSHILLS.

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